

**Letter of the Commissary Official of Surrey concerning the church of Morden**

[1301]

To all sons of holy mother church, to whom these present letters shall have come, the official of the commissary of Surrey, greetings in the True Salvation.\* Know all of you that we, at the command of the reverend father lord J., by grace of God bishop of Winchester, by brother Walter de Arksdene, monk of Westminster, proctor of the abbot and convent of the same place, have inducted the said abbot and convent into corporal possession of the church of Morden with all its rights and possessions appertaining, according to the form, force and effect of the mandate directed to us in this regard. In testimony of which matter the seal of our office has been affixed to these presents. Dated at Morden on the third kalend of November [30 October] AD 1301.

marginal note: "Infirmary. First chest titled as above"

\* This is a scribal error – the greeting should be *salutem in vero salutari*. we are grateful to Barbara Harvey and Jane Sayers for identifying this. The greeting is not much used, being found mainly in episcopal charters around 1200, and was presumably unfamiliar to the copyist.

**Westminster Abbey Muniments Book 11: 'The Westminster Domesday', fo. 173a**

[1305]

**Memorandum** that in letters dimissory, made under public hand in the visitation of the lord R., by grace of God archbishop of Canterbury, AD 1305, on the 8<sup>th</sup> kalend of March, concerning the appropriation of the church of Morden, are contained two letters of lord John, bishop of Winchester, also the letter of the prior and convent of St Swithin, a public instrument, containing the resignation of the church of Morden, also the letter of the official of Surrey, commissary of the same bishop, concerning the state of the aforesaid church, in one instrument under the public hand of John Robert, son of Thomas, called de Armiston, the which letters are also entitled on the preceding two folios.

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